

## **City and County Federal Bridge Fund Distribution**

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The Iowa DOT in partnership with the Iowa County Engineers Association and the Iowa Chapter of the American Public Works Association make available a portion of the State's allocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds. The percentage of STBGP funds available for bridge replacement and reconstruction is set after discussions with representatives from the Iowa DOT, Cities, Counties, Regional Transportation Affiliations (RPA), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and are subject to revision each time a new Federal Highway bill is approved.

From the percentage of STBGP funds made available for Cities and Counties, the following procedure is used to determine the percentage of funds distributed to the City Bridge Replacement Fund and the County Highway Bridge Program.

1. Using the most recently completed National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) of Iowa bridges, tally the total number of square feet of City and County owned bridges that fall into all of the following condition based on their most recent approved bridge inspection report:
  - a. Sufficiency Rating of equal to or less than 80
  - b. In a Structurally Deficient or Functionally Obsolete Condition
2. Although a bridge must have a minimum Annual Daily Traffic (ADT) count of 25 or greater to be eligible for funding under this program, it is not a factor in splitting the Federal funds between Cities and Counties. The requirement for an ADT of 25 or greater is a City and County requirement to receive funding, but is not a Federal requirement.
3. Determine the City deficient bridge percentage by dividing the total square footage of City deficient bridges by the total square footage of City and County deficient bridges. The resulting percentage is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent.
4. Repeat this procedure to determine the County deficient bridge percentage.
5. Using the most recent estimate of Federal funds for the Current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), apply the formula agreed to for determining the Federal STBGP funds available for the bridge program.
6. Determine the Total Amount Available for Distribution by multiplying the available bridge program funds by the most recent estimated obligation limitation available from the Office of Program Management.
7. Determine the total amount available for the County and City Bridge programs by multiplying the Total Amount Available for Distribution by the City and County deficient bridge percentages.
8. Compare the total funds available for the City and County bridge programs to the minimum amount available for each program, which is set at the amount of Federal funds received in FFY 2013. The minimums are \$33,117,000.00 for Counties and \$9,033,065.82 for Cities.
9. If both programs are above the minimum, use the dollar amounts obtained in Step 7 for distribution to the City and County program. If the cities or counties are below the minimum, then "hold harmless" the entity below the minimum and maintain the level of funding in Step 8 above.
10. When the final Federal apportionment and obligation limitation is available for a Federal Fiscal Year repeat the above procedure and make appropriate corrections to the funds available to the City and County programs.
11. After a new Federal Highway Bill is passed by Congress, discuss the funding distribution with representatives of Cities and Counties.